

MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WINTHROP HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
WINTHROP HARBOR, ILLINOIS**

May 18, 2009

Minutes of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 1, Lake County, Illinois, held in the Library of North Prairie Junior High School, in said School District at 7:00 p.m. on the 18th of May, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by President Syndy Nugent and upon the roll being called, the following members of the Board of Education answered present: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Also present were Principals Ted Brooks and Pat Hodge, Assistant Principal Carrie Nottingham, Superintendent Dennis Guiser and Secretary to the Board Dan Stanley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

April Students of the Month were congratulated and awarded with a \$20.00 Borders gift card. The following students were recognized:

Maddison Swim	Kindergarten
Zachery Szekely	1 st Grade
Logan Bakkila	4 th Grade
Evelin Ortiz	5 th Grade
Haley Maxwell	6 th Grade
Lukas Brendemihl	7 th Grade (Not Present)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

President Syndy opened the floor for public comments and questions at 7:07 P.M.

Alice Smith, a parent of a student in the Special Ed early childhood program, inquired about a speech therapist. She expressed concern over not having a speech therapist until this past March. Dr. Guiser explained to Ms. Smith that the district is expecting the current speech therapist to stay through next year, but cannot guarantee it.

Since there were no further comments or questions from the public, the floor was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to approve the following consent agenda items minus the April 27, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes; SECOND by Rick Lambert. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

- A) Approval of the May 18, Agenda, Minutes from the April 27, 2009 Regular and May 4, 2009 Special Board of Education Meetings.
- B) Finance Items:
 - a. Expenditure Report for April
 - b. Revenue Report for April
 - c. Treasurer's Report for April
 - d. Payment of Bills & Reimbursements for May
 - e. Student Activity Reports for April

MOTION by Chris Thompson so approve the April 27, 2009 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, and Julie Leech ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Syndy Nugent shared that dates for end-of-year activities in the district were included in the principal's reports. One date to especially note is the June 4th 8th Grade Graduation.

Tim Hall asked for an explanation of what the Bike Rodeo is. Pat Hodge shared that the police department asked to come and present to students on safety tips for bikes. Dr. Guiser shared that police departments often try to do something safety related before the students break for summer.

Dr. Guiser informed the board of the potential meeting dates for the 2009-2010 year. If the board decided to keep its past practice of the 4th Monday of the month, then the dates provided would be the meeting dates except for in December the meeting would be moved to the 2nd Monday due to winter break.

Dr. Guiser shared with the board regarding two policies. The first policy deals with wellness. The federal government requires school districts to have a wellness policy. During the last inspection, the lack of a wellness policy was referenced on the report. The policy basically deals with students having physical education, recess, potential for exercise, and promotion of healthy eating habits. The second policy refers to student residency. The revisions include adding exceptions for military service and a change in the first page where legal custody is defined. Dr. Guiser believes that IASB provided a better form than what was previously there.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION by Chris Thompson to adopt the tentative Fiscal Year 2009 Amended Budget for a 30-day public review; SECOND by Tim Hall. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adopt Policy 5:310 on Educational Support Personnel Compensatory Time-Off; SECOND by Kristin Heiny. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Chris Thompson to adopt Policy 4:55 on Credit Cards; SECOND by Gene Ellison. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Tim Hall to adopt Policy 7:170 on Student Vandalism; SECOND by Kristin Heiny. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Guiser's Friday Phone Call provided that there were some dates to note for board members to attend if able, but board members historically attended graduation to pass out diplomas.

The district office received notice from Lake County that our extension will be approximately \$5 million.

There was a fee on the bills payable to State of Illinois due to one of the withholding payments not successfully made to the State of Illinois back in November, 2008. This error has since been corrected, however a fee still applies.

The rates of Winthrop Harbor students graduating high school were better than what previously thought. The graduation rate is more like 95% compared to the previous reported 85%.

Dr. Guiser updated the board on the hold harmless issue and the potential options for dissemination. The district's attorney was receiving conflicting information on the process, but resolved to find out that the only way to actively join another district would be for both districts to consolidate. There would need to be petitions in both Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park. Then the Regional Office of Education will post the votes and send it to the State Board of Education. After the state's process, both boards would dissolve and the communities would have to vote. The likelihood of a voted consolidation is not very high. It appears as if the district will go for a referendum in the future. Hold harmless funds will almost surely be gone, but no one is sure how fast.

Syndy Nugent shared that Rick Lambert and Julie Leech would like to exchange positions in the finance and operations and maintenance committees respectively. Syndy Nugent declared that Rick Lambert would move to the operations and maintenance committee and Julie would move to the finance committee.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Tim Hall to adjourn at 7:45 P.M.; SECOND by Julie Leech. On roll call, the following members voted AYE: Gene Ellison, Tim Hall, Kristin Heiny, Rick Lambert, Julie Leech, Chris Thompson, and Syndy Nugent. MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes were transcribed by Dan Stanley.

Syndy Nugent
School Board President
Winthrop Harbor School District #1
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois

ATTEST:

Gene Ellison
Board of Education
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